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INFORMATION FOR THE ARMY.

CLAIMS OF DECEASED SOLDIERS.

As Agent of the State of Georgia, I have filed in the office of the Second Auditor of the Treasury, 3,000 claims for the pay allowances of deceased soldiers, less than 200 of which have been settled, chiefly because there is no official evidence of amount due satisfactory to the Auditor; and I now respectfully urge the commanders of companies to forward to this agency

FINAL STATEMENTS.

The form of a final statement is not material, but it is best to follow the form adopted by the Auditor, and sent to the army. When that cannot be had, the statement may be legibly written, and should contain the name of deceased in full, when known; his rank, company and regiment; date, place and period of enlistment, re-enlistment or conscription; date, place, and cause of death; when, and by whom last paid; bounty, whether due or paid; commutation for transportation in lieu of furlough, from and to what place, with distance; clothing account, and commutation for clothing, date from which due; effects of deceased, and how disposed of; stoppages, and on what account.

The statement should be dated and signed by the officer commanding the company, certified to be correct, and attested by a Quartermaster, or approved by the officer commanding regiment. This is necessary, to show the genuineness of the signature. Where no commissioned officer is in command of company, the statement should be made, or endorsed, by the commander of the regiment, battalion, or post; but a non-commissioned officer, in command, is authorized to prepare it.

Calculations, to show the amount due, need not be made; and a duplicate statement is unnecessary.

When company books or rolls have been lost, or proper returns not made, (as from hospitals), the date of death may be assumed from reliable information, although not certainly remembered or known. If the death occurred in a particular month, (the exact day not being known), the claim will be allowed and paid, to include the first day of the month.

BOUNTY.

A bounty of fifty dollars is due to all soldiers who enlisted for three years, or the war, before or after April 16, 1862, and to conscripts, who have volunteered under general orders since the passage of any of the acts of conscription; to all twelve months' men who re-enlisted for three years, or the war; and to all enlisted men who were continued in service by the act of April 16, 1862.

Non-commissioned officers, musicians and privates, who were in service on the first day of April, 1864, and have not been absent from command, without leave, during the period of six months next after said date, are entitled also to a bounty of one hundred dollars, in a six per cent. government bond. In case of death before the first of October, 1864, this bounty is payable to the heir or representative. (General Orders, No. 27, section 3, p. 1, March 21, 1864).

DECEASED OFFICERS.

When the deceased is a commissioned officer, the statement should be prepared by his *immediate commanding officer*, and should contain his rank, command, when, where, and from what cause he died, and, if possible, when and by whom he was last paid.

WHO CAN CLAIM.

1st. The widow: 2nd. Guardian of minor child: 3rd. Father; 4th. Mother.

If there is no widow, child, father or mother, the claim must be made by the administrator or executor of the deceased.

If deceased was a minor, represented by a guardian, the guardian, as administrator *ex-officio*, may claim. A brother or sister *cannot claim* as such.

NOTE.—By acts of Congress, Feb'y 16, and May 31, 1864, State Agents are "charged with the duty of obtaining, from the officers in command of companies, final statements of deceased soldiers, to be filed in the Second Auditor's office, to facilitate the settlement of such claims;" and when an officer or soldier dies, if a statement is sent to this Agency, with name and post office of claimant, the necessary claim papers will be prepared and sent, with instructions, to the family of deceased; and if blanks are required, I will aid in procuring them.

WILLIAM A. WALTON,

Claim Agent of Ga., box 961.

RICHMOND, VA., Dec. 1, 1864.

FORM OF FINAL STATEMENT.

Final statement of deceased, late of Company Regiment.

, born in county, State of , was enlisted by at on the day of 186 , to serve for , and was re enlisted (or was conscribed) on the day of , 186 , and died (or was killed or discharged) at on the day of 186 . He was last paid by Quartermaster, to include the day of 186 , and is entitled to pay therefrom, to the day of 186 , at which time he . He has received the bounty of \$50. He is entitled to commutation for transportation in lieu of furlough from to and back, which is miles. He is entitled to commutation for clothing from the day of 186 , (the time to which he was last paid,) to the . He is entitled to commutation for rations for days at per day. There is due him for use and risk of horse from 186 , to 186 , at 40 cents per day. He is indebted to the Confederate States for stoppages on account of to the amount of dollars. He left \$ and other effects, which were turned over to .

Given at this day of 186 .

I hereby certify that the above final statement is correct in every particular.

Commanding Company.

To W. H. S. TAYLOR, SECOND AUDITOR,
Richmond, Va. }

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